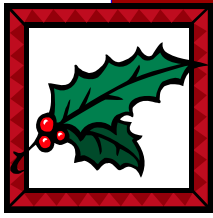


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Welcome to winter! There are some very important issues on the minds of students and mentors these days. Those issues are student positions and funding for student positions. In this issue of SN, SV we have provided assistance to help students and mentors with options for their students. You can read about the options in the first, two articles – *Helping Students Find New Internship Assignments* and *6 New Internship Postings Available for Students*. You will also find information to help you prepare for the holiday break such as learning how to determine if you are eligible for the vacation grant and your pay status during the holiday break. If you are returning to work over the break after being away at school you can read about the Financial Planning presentation that was recently held for students. As you look forward, we encourage you to join the Students' Association at the Holiday Potluck they have planned for you. It is a fun annual event where students not only get together to visit but also to help others that are less fortunate by donating items to the Holiday Drive and San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen.

The Education & Postdoc Office wishes all students a safe and restful holiday season. We look forward to the New Year and to continuing to provide high quality, meaningful and safe internship experiences for all students.

Sincerely,

Carole, Brenda, Carolyn, Kristin, Becky, and Dave

Helping Students Find New Internship Assignments

Mentors can help students find new assignments by placing them on the Student Availability listing on the Jumpstart (Student Postings Initiative) database. This is the same system that mentors use to submit work plans for students.

Here are the steps a **mentor** can use to place a student on the availability list (Students cannot place themselves on the availability list):

Log in with CryptoCard at <https://spi-internal.lanl.gov/SPI/mentor>

1. Click on the "Mentor Home" link
2. If the student's workplan is up-to-date (less than one year old), click on the link in the "Workplans Created" section then,
3. On the Workplan page, select the "Place on Availability List" button
4. If the Student's workplan is not up-to-date, please create a "New Workplan" then
5. On the Workplan page, select the "Place on Availability List" button.

Here are the steps a mentor can use to review the availability list:

1. Log in with CryptoCard at <https://spi-internal.lanl.gov/SPI/mentor>
2. Click on the "Review Student Availability List" link on the left Index

Once a student is placed on the availability list, mentors will be able to review the listing of student names and view the students' resumes. Mentors can contact the students directly and schedule interviews.

A message for students

Students, please ensure your resume is current (less than one year old). You can submit an updated resume on-line at: <http://int.lanl.gov/education/jumpstart/>. This will ensure that your resume is searchable and is the one placed on the availability list. Also, please note on your resume if you have an "L" or "Q" Clearance. Prior to placing you on the availability listing, STBPO-EPDO will verify your eligibility.

Please contact Carole Rutten at crutten@lanl.gov or 5-5194 or Brenda Montoya at bmontoya@lanl.gov or 7-4866 if you have any questions.



6 New Internship Postings Available for Students

If you are looking for a new assignment as a student intern please check out the Student Opportunities Site at: <http://spi-external.lanl.gov/Logon.asp?Act=1>.

There are currently 6 positions posted for students:

1. Desktop Support UGS Posting # 16472
2. Network Support Posting # 16479
3. Administrative Position Posting # 16493
4. A Chemical Intern/Technician Posting # 16494
5. A Graduate Research Assistant Position in Physics Posting # 16496
6. An Undergraduate Research Assistant Position in Physics # 16498

You can view the full posting by accessing the site at : <http://spi-external.lanl.gov/Logon.asp?Act=1>.

1. You will need to **register**,
2. Then select from the "**Categories**" dropdown; find the category you are interested in then select "**Find**".
3. From here you can select the **Position Title** to view the full posting
4. If you are interested in applying for the position you can "**Express Interest**" in the position which requires a resume submission.

Please note, it is critical to use the **same** e-mail address in your on-line application as you use to log into this Jumpstart system.

Once you express interest in the position, the mentor that submitted the posting will be able to view your resume and possibly contact you for an interview.

Please contact Carole Rutten if you have additional questions at 5-5194 or crutten@lanl.gov.



NEW STUDENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Beginning October 1, 2006, the Education and Postdoc Office implemented a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) requirement for all undergraduate and graduate students. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 is now required for all students enrolled in an undergraduate program and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is now required for all students enrolled in a graduate program. High School Co-ops are required to meet their High School's eligibility and the 2.8 GPA requirement prior to their acceptance in the program. High school students must continue to adhere to the new requirement as they transition into an undergraduate program.

Continuing and returning students whose GPAs are below the new requirements will be monitored each semester to ensure their semester GPA is enables them to increase their cumulative GPA incrementally for the duration of their degree program.

Students who do not maintain the required GPA may not be eligible to continue to participate in the Lab's student internship programs. These determinations will be made during the annual transcript review process or at the end of a monitored semester depending on the student's specific situation.

GPA's for students who work in a special student program (i.e. EMTP or MAP) are monitored through a different mechanism, and are exempt from this requirement.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Montoya at bmontoya@lanl.gov or 667-4866.



DO I GET THE VACATION GRANT?

To determine whether you will receive the Vacation Grant (VG) (24 hours) to cover time off during the Lab shut down; follow these steps:

- * enter the Time and Effort system, via Citrix (if you don't have access, your Group Office Administrator can do this for you).
- * access your time sheet for the week of 12/25/2006.

If you see VG listed for December 27 - 29, 2006 you will be given the vacation grant during the closure.

If VG is not present, you will need to take vacation or Leave Without Pay during this time.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Montoya at bmontoya@lanl.gov or 667-4866.

CHANGES IN PAY STATUS DURING THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Casual Students--All casual students will remain in casual status and be paid for hours worked during the break. These students may work a 40-hour week; however, they are NOT eligible for Holiday pay.

Part-time Students--A student who is currently in part-time status may increase their work schedule to PT-99% with their mentor's approval if the total time of the pay status change will EXCEED 30 days. Mentors will need to coordinate the personnel action for the student through their HR Generalist.

Full-time Students--No action is required during the Holiday Break.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Montoya at bmontoya@lanl.gov or 667-4866.

ANNUAL TRANSCRIPT REVIEW PROCESS BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

The annual transcript and salary review process will take place between February and April, 2007. All students must provide an **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** to the Education and Postdoc Office by February 17th, 2007. This process enables the Education & Postdoc Office to monitor each student's eligibility and ensure academic progression. This review is also utilized to determine whether a student has met the requirements to move to the next salary level.

Clarifications:

- * Students in a special program (MAP, EMTP, etc) are not required to comply.
- * High School Co-ops, and Post Bac students are not required to comply.
- * Post Masters students (Master's degreed students who **have not been** accepted in a PhD program) are not required to comply.
- * All GRAs are required to submit Official transcripts.
- * All official transcripts must show all course work (with grades) to date in a student's degree program and spring '07 enrollment. **Please ensure you verify with your university when your spring enrollment will print on your official transcripts and ensure transcripts are sent after that date.**

Transcripts should be sent to:

Brenda Montoya
Education and Postdoc Office
Los Alamos National Laboratory
P.O. Box 1663
Mail Stop M709
Los Alamos, NM 87545



GRADUATING IN DECEMBER?



If you will be graduating with a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in December, please remember to send the Education and Postdoc Office (MS M709) or fax 5-6871, a copy of your transcript showing your degree was conferred or a copy of your diploma. Your student status will then be changed to the appropriate category and your salary may be adjusted. Actions will be effective the first Monday after documentation has been received by EPDO.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Montoya at bmontoya@lanl.gov or 667-4866.

SPRING SEMESTER--WILL YOU BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH STUDENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

Work Hours:

Students are not allowed to work in excess of 30 hours per week unless they have requested an exception and received approval from the Education and Postdoc Office. Students who are in a Post Bac or Post Masters appointment or are in a special student category (MAP, EMTP, etc.) are exempt from this policy. The exception process can be found at the following web address: <http://int.lanl.gov/education/spac/exc.shtml>.

Enrollment Requirements:

Undergraduate students must enroll in and receive credit for a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester. Graduate students must enroll in and receive credit for a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester.

New GPA Requirements:

The new GPA requirements will be monitored starting with the Fall, '06 and Spring, '07 semesters. The undergraduate student GPA requirement is 2.8/4.0 and the graduate student requirement is 3.0/4.0. Students below the new GPA requirement will be monitored on a case by case basis to ensure progress towards the new minimum requirements as they progress through their degree program.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Montoya at bmontoya@lanl.gov or 667-4866.

A Little Holiday Trivia

The following trivia quiz is based on some classic holiday traditions. Check it out and see how much you know —



- Evergreen boughs have been hung in homes for centuries. Over doors, mantles and pathways, folks have hung evergreen boughs to ward off:
 - salespeople
 - witches, evil spirits and illness
 - disagreeable neighbors
 - mean people
- Winter Solstice is the longest night and the shortest day of the year. People have long hung evergreen boughs to remind them that:
 - they should be thankful year 'round
 - month nature can have a nasty temper
 - summer is around the corner and the green plants will grow again
 - Christmas is only a few days away
- Romans celebrated a feast called the Saturnalia, in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. The Romans marked the feast with evergreen boughs because they knew that:
 - green was Saturnalia's favorite color
 - The farms would soon be fruitful and green
 - they were afraid to anger Saturnalia and lose their upcoming crops
 - Saturnalia disliked the color green
- It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther, the 16th century Protestant reformer, first added candles to a tree. It is said that he did this to depict:
 - the night stars in the sky
 - the twinkle of his first-love's eyes
 - the beginning of the renaissance era
 - a Michaelangelo painting
- The early 20th century found Americans decorating their trees with mostly
 - cranberries and Marzipan cookies
 - lace and ribbons
 - homemade ornaments
 - popcorn
- Christmas Trees take this long to mature:
 - 3-5 years
 - 7-10 years
 - 11-15 years
 - 16-20 years

(answers on back page)



SA Reports:

Los Alamos National Bank and Del Norte Credit Union help Students become “Financially Savvy”

Los Alamos National Bank and Del Norte Credit Union provided handouts, CD's, gift certificates and most importantly valuable financial information to approximately forty students at the *“Tips for Becoming Financially Savvy”* presentation on November 16 at the MSL Auditorium.



Steve Wells of Los Alamos National Bank started the two part presentation by offering advice about the three things he recommends considering when looking for a financial institution: value (perceived value vs. actual costs), relationship (can the institution help you out during “bad times” and will they be a sounding board for you?), and products (consider such things as ATMs, online banking, investments, fees, and convenience among others). Steve also spoke about his personal experiences and emphasized using net worth as a guide or report card for personal financial management. Steve stated that good or bad, credit scores are important and **it is never too early to start building good credit.**

Guy Lisella and Annette Hernandez of Del Norte Credit Union built on Steve's information in the second part of the presentation. Guy and Annette emphasized the importance of “shopping the rates” in order to find the best deal to keep banking costs at a minimum. They explained that while both institutions are similar, credit unions tend to be “smaller focused” in comparison to a bank, which often translates into more personal services. Guy and Annette emphasized the importance of **starting young when it comes to finance** and recommended putting twenty percent of each paycheck into savings. If you do this when you first start receiving a paycheck, and you aren't accustomed to having that money to spend, then you won't miss it. It is a good way to start saving for the first down payment on a larger purchase such as a car or house. Del Norte Credit Union handed out gift certificates throughout the presentation and stressed and that **one element of budgeting you can't change is time.** They also stressed that students should plan ahead and *always budget a certain amount for fun.*



The presentation was organized by the Education and Postdoc Office and refreshments were provided by Students' Association. Keep reading Student News, Student Views in order to find out about other upcoming students events and activities!

New Year's Trivia Game

Celebrated around the world at different times of the calendar, New Year's Day represents different things for different things for different societies. Regardless, there is an aura of excitement in what could be in store for the new year.



1. The Scottish tune *Auld Lang Syne* is a common song sung right after the stroke of midnight. What is the literal translation of the song's title: *Auld Lang Syne*?
A. Old Long Ago B. Always Remembering You C. Another Year Passes D. Here We Go Again
2. What is the oldest known holiday celebrated by mankind:
A. Samhain B. New Year's Day C. Christmas D. The day is not really known for sure
3. What is the most common New year's resolution made by Americans:
A. to find a better job B. to Stop Smoking C. to Save more money D. to lose weight
4. Who is mainly responsible for us celebrating New year's day on January 1st?
A. Pope Gregory B. Pope Benedict C. Julius Caesar D. Alexander the Great
5. Western society's official calendar was generated from:
A. The Julian Calendar B. the Gregorian Calendar C. the Chinese Calendar D. the Solar Calendar
6. Regardless of when a society celebrates New Year's Day, what is one common thread between them all?
A. Good Luck Rituals B. Everyone eats a Hearty Meal C. Everyone attends a Spiritual Function
D. Everyone has a family gathering
7. The month January was named after:
A. A Hindu Princess B. The Roman god Janus C. the Greek god Januarius D. a former Roman goddess
8. The Tournament of Roses Parade is the most watched parade on New Year's Day. Between 1903 and 1915, what Was the main event at the Rose Bowl Stadium?
A. Football B. Soccer C. Chariot Races D. Sprint Running

(answers on back page)



**Come Celebrate Cultural Traditions
at the LANL Students' Association Holiday Potluck Luncheon**

Where: Canyon Complex, room 160

When: Thursday, December 7

11:30AM -- 1PM

(come and go as your schedule permits)

Map to Canyon Complex on Page 2

LA Bus offers transportation to Canyon from locations at TA-3
visit www.labus.org for schedules

**Please bring a dish to share
with your fellow LANL students
that celebrates your winter holiday traditions**

SA Will Provide:

Baked Ham
Rolls
Beverages



Win Prizes For:

Best Dish
Largest Holiday Drive Donation



In addition to your dish to share,
**please consider bringing a donation
for the LANL Holiday Meal Drive**

Your help is greatly appreciated
(see following page for details)



Please Give To Those Less Fortunate This Holiday Season

The LANL Students' Association
in conjunction with the LANL Holiday Drive
and the San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen in Espanola

want to provide five needy local families with a great holiday meal

**We request and suggest the following donations
 for the holiday meal baskets:**



Canned Vegetables
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Dry Stuffing Mix
Gravy Mix
Fresh Potatoes
Monetary Donations for Purchase of
Fresh Turkeys, Hams and Breads



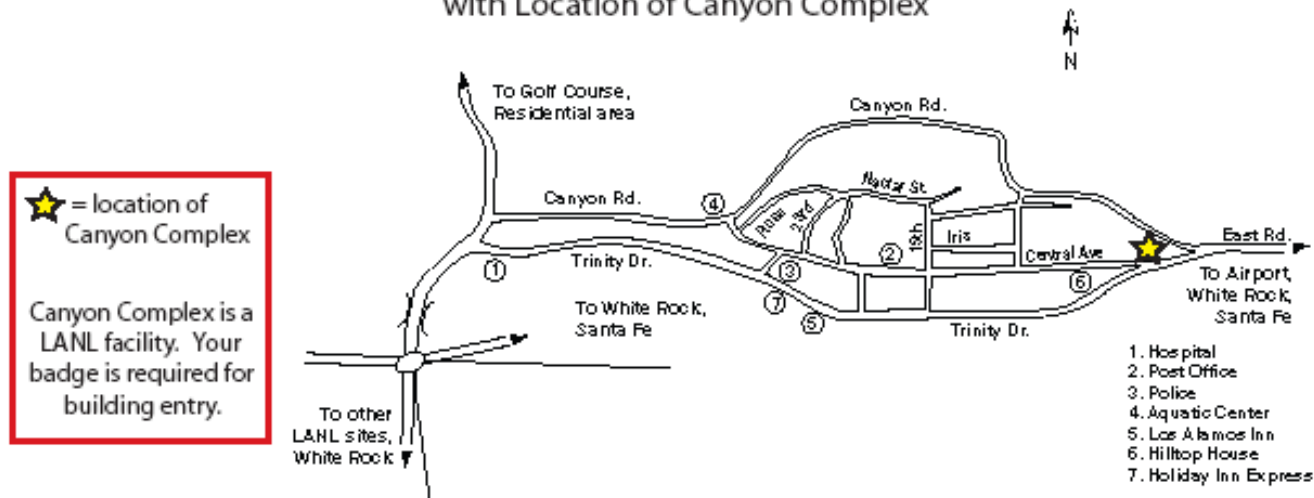
**Please bring your donation to Canyon Complex, Room 160
 on Thursday, December 7**

Donations accepted from 11AM -- 1:30PM

The largest single donation will receive a prize!

Meal Baskets will be hand-delivered to needy families on December 15

Map of Los Alamos Downtown
 with Location of Canyon Complex





SAFETY FIRST

Holiday Safety

The holidays can be enjoyed for many reasons – but the most certain way to ruin the celebration is for a fire or electrical shock to occur at home. Listed below are a few precautions to take while preparing for the holidays and making your holiday season merry, safe, and free from accidents or injuries. Even if you're not putting up decorations yourself,

these safety precautions should be passed on to others to ensure a happy holiday.



Christmas Trees:

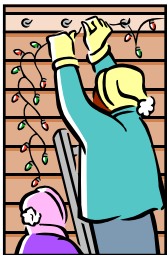
- If purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree has needles that are hard to pull from branches and do not break when you bend them between your fingers. Make sure the tree does not get “thirsty”. Generally, each day your tree will “drink” a quart of water per inch of diameter. The tree stand should have a two-day water supply capability. Check the tree daily to see if you need to add water.
- If using an artificial tree, be sure it is fire resistant and Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed.
- Place your tree away from ignition sources such as fireplaces, space heaters, candles, overhead lights, and radiators. Try to position your tree so that cords are not running long distances.
- Place a fire extinguisher near your tree for additional safety. Ensure that your fire extinguisher's expiration is current.

Decorations:

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim your tree. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees.
- Select tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.
- To prevent injuries to children, avoid decorations that are sharp, breakable, or resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them. Keep trimmings with removable parts out of a child's reach to avoid swallowing or inhaling of small pieces.

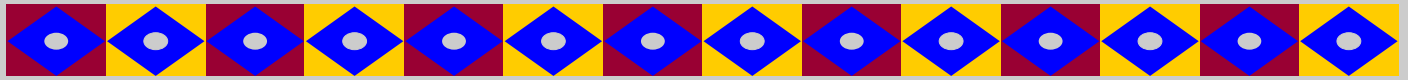
Lights:

- Whether indoor or outdoor, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from the wind.
- Use caution when installing lights on high surfaces. Use a step ladder and use insulated staples or nylon tie/wraps for supporting light strings. (see Ladder Safety in the Student News, Student Views Vol. 10)
- Don't overload electrical outlets and make sure the extension cord is large enough to carry the intended load. Do not use damaged cords.
- Inspect each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets.
- Never use electric lights on metallic trees.
- Do not run cords through doorways or under rugs. The insulation on the cords can become damaged if the door closes on the cord or it is stepped on, which can result in a potential fire or shock hazard.
- Unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Fireplaces:

- Have the chimney inspected by a professional before the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Always use a sturdy screen when burning fires.
- Remember to burn only wood – never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out of the chimney and ignite a neighboring home.



Holiday Safety (continued):

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Candles:

- Never use lighted candles near trees, boughs, curtains/drapes, or near any other potentially flammable item.
- Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.



Parties and Driving:

- Never drink and drive. Have a designated driver to drive you or your guests home after a party.
- Wear seat belts.
- As a party host, be sensitive about alcoholic beverages.
- Avoid burning candles at parties. If you do burn them, make sure they are in a safe place, and out of reach of children.
- After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

Stress:

- Allow enough time to shop rather than hurry through stores and parking lots.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times if shopping or running errands.
- Plan to do only a reasonable number of errands.
- Make time for yourself. Relax, read, or enjoy your favorite hobby at your own pace.



Now that the holidays are upon us, we all need to be aware of safety issues more than ever – especially since it is so easy to get distracted with all the things going on around us. If you are planning on driving anywhere, be sure to prepare ahead of time for changes in the weather. Have extra blankets on hand and ensure that each member of the household has a warm coat, gloves, or mittens, hat and water-resistant boots/shoes. Check with the local radio or television weather stations for updated storm information. It is also important to have vehicles winterized before the winter storm season.

If you plan on attending any parties, or visiting friends or community events, check the surroundings for hazards and help correct them to protect your children and others. Both before and after decorating your home, inspect the area to locate any hazards of fire, electrical shock, or falls. By being aware of possible hazards, you can protect your children, your elderly relatives, and yourself. Most of all just use common sense and good judgment and you are sure to have a safe holiday season.

New Year's Eve Safety Tips

Amongst all the fun and noise it is important to ensure that the proceedings are engulfed in a net of safety. New Year's Eve is a night that is ripe for the occurrence of any untoward event. Remember these important tips as you prepare for your celebration.



- **If you catch a buzz, catch a ride!** Designate a sober driver before all holiday parties. Americans who drink and drive after holiday parties and festivities make the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's one of the most deadly and dangerous seasons due to alcohol-related crashes. Don't even think about getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you are impaired.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi — use mass transit — or get a sober friend or family member to come and get you. OR, just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.
- **Remember — Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk!** Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.
- If you are hosting the party, keep the above safety tips in mind. Always offer alcohol-free beverages, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

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Security Smart

Deck the Halls with Security Smarts.

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Tis the Season to be aware!

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our DOE badge, but not while we are shopping in town!

Holidays are supposed to be a time of relaxation and recuperation, but some people find them to be very stressful. While many people used to take four weeks or more of vacation from work, most people now take shorter vacations. With less time to enjoy, people tend to jam-pack their schedules, which can lead to fatigue and distraction. Security incidents during, and prior to, these stressful times can be attributed to many factors including:

- Being in a rush
- Operating outside your normal routine
- Mild illnesses
- Multi-tasking
- Increased workloads

With the holidays in mind, please don't forget about your security responsibilities and **avoid potential security incidents!**

Think and ask yourself before driving onto Lab property... "Do I have anything with me that may be a prohibited article?"

- The rifle you left in the back of your truck, used when you were out hunting with your buddies.
- That real nice Smith and Wesson knife you found at a low price which made a perfect gift for your dad.
- The bottle of wine you bought for the Christmas party.

Prohibited and Controlled Articles

<http://int.lanl.gov/security/personnel/badge/prohibited.shtml>





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Think and ask yourself before walking/driving into a security area...
 "Do I have anything with me that may be a controlled/prohibited article?"

- Your *cell phone* so that your spouse can call and remind you to pick up wrapping paper.
- That high-resolution *digital camera* for tonight's Christmas program.
- Uncle Jimmy's *video camera* you promised to drop off so the lens could be replaced.
- A *package* labeled "Don't open til Christmas" that you'll drop off for grandma after work.
- That *Palm Pilot* that needed to be returned because mom said she wanted a Motorola for Christmas not a Panasonic.

Don't Hide Your Badge

Putting on or shedding layers due to hot or cold weather?

Make sure your badge is always visible to others.

For more information, visit the Badge Holder Responsibilities webpage

(<http://int.lanl.gov/security/personnel/badge/standard/responsibilities.shtml>)

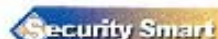
Before working on a classified project...

- **Do I know the classification guidelines?**
 (Ask my ADC, ISSO/OSCR if I have questions)
- Am I **distracted**? (Did I hide little Emily's gift from Santa?)
- Am I **rushed**? (I have to pick up my dry cleaning before the shop closes!)
- Am I **mentally acute**? (Did I get enough rest last night?)

Supervisors consider...

- Postponing mailing classified information until you are sure the recipient can personally accept it. (Is the recipient spending Christmas in Hawaii, while an uninformed co-worker accepts the package?)
- Limiting classified work from Dec 20-23 when folks' thoughts are largely elsewhere and banning non-duty hour work on classified projects during this time.
- Using a "buddy system" when working on classified projects the day before vacation. (Tis the season to help one another.)
 - Briefing workers who are "covering" for workers on classified projects.
 - Ensuring a qualified ADC is available when working on classified projects.
 - Issuing a "stop work" for employees on prescription and over-the-counter medication that may cloud acuity.
 - Throwing on a second end-of-day check of classified repositories and VTRs.

Please Don't Drink and Drive



View and download all Security Smarts for your nested safety and security meetings.

Community Corner

There's LOTS of events happening in Los Alamos this first weekend in December. Even though we usually don't list events that happen the first week of the month, I'm hoping that some of you will be able to read through this and participate in some of these activities.



Dance Arts Los Alamos presents the 11th Anniversary Nutcracker Performance at the Duane W. Smith Auditorium
Friday — Dec. 1st — 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — Dec. 2nd and 3rd — 2 p.m.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast — **Saturday, Dec. 2nd — Los Alamos Senior Center — 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.**
 Free with donation of canned goods (for LA Cares) and/or \$\$\$ for Foster Children's Holiday Party

Holiday Farmers' Market — **Saturday, Dec. 2nd — Pueblo Gym — 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

2006 Earth Treasure Show — **Saturday, Dec. 1st — Masonic Temple — 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.** (also **Sunday, Dec. 2nd** from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.)

Winter Wagon Rides by Bear Creek Adventures — **Saturday, Dec. 2nd** — board in front of Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center — Rides provided free by Zia Credit Union

Annual Holiday Lights Parade (heading West on Central Avenue) — **Saturday, Dec. 2nd — 6 p.m.**

Following the Parade — Ashley Pond Tree Lighting Ceremony and Farolitos

Concert Series — Following the Lighting Ceremony — Fuller Lodge — Playing: Julie Stewart and the Motor Kings

6th Annual Luminaria Walk at Los Alamos County Stables on North Mesa — **Sunday, Dec. 3rd — 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.**
 Food, Music, Hayrides, Bonfires, Farolito Sales

Upcoming Events in December:



Starstruck Youth Theatre Group Presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at
 Duane W. Smith Auditorium
 Michael Martin Murphy Cowboy Christmas — December 18th
 New Years Eve Bash at Los Alamos Ice Skating Rink

For further information on any of the above events, contact:

www.visit.losalamos.com
www.danceartslosalamos.com
gordonscds@losalamos.com

Looking Ahead to the Ski Season

Listed below are some websites where you can get information about the prices of season passes and lift tickets to some of the surrounding ski areas. More information on each individual area will be included in upcoming SN,SV newsletters. Remember, you must buy your ski passes early. In some cases, it might already be past the deadline date to obtain a pass to any of the below areas:

Santa Fe: <http://www.skisantafe.com/>
 Angel Fire: http://www.angelfireresort.com/mountain_gallery.html
 Taos: http://www.skitaos.org/RATES/season_pass.php
 Wolf Creek: <http://wolfcreekski.com/>
 Pajarito: <http://www.skipajarito.com/>





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Novice

Just For Kicks! Did you know. . .

- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
- The hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backward.
- Flamingos can eat only with their heads upside down.
- Remember seeing those random numbers on the Dr Pepper bottle? They're not so random after all. Dr Pepper claims that research shows people's energy levels drop between meals at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. What better way to restore energy, they say, than to drink their pepper-upper at those times? To keep the competition at bay, the company registered the "10, 2, and 4" as part of their trademark.

- Michael Dell was nineteen years old when he founded the Dell Computer Corporation in 1984 after briefly attending the University of Texas. He started the now-billion-dollar-company With just \$1,000. In 1992, Michael became the youngest CEO in history to head up a Fortune 500 company. He was just twenty-seven years old.



New Mexico Trivia (answers on next page)

1. How many miles of hiking trails are in Bandelier National Monument?
2. Where was *The Milagro Beanfield War* filmed?
3. When was the first English language school founded in New Mexico?
4. What was the resulting body of water from the seventeenth dam built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?
5. Who from New Mexico are the first father and son to compete against each other in the Indy 500?
6. The prevalent "squash Blossoms" design in New Mexican jewelry is not really "squash blossoms" at all but what?
7. In what year did New Mexico native Conrad Hilton found his hotel company?
8. What was the most important Civil War battle in New Mexico?
9. The 1912 silent film *Pueblo Legend*, starring Mary Pickford, was filmed where in the state?
10. Approximately what percentage of the state's landscape is lakes, rivers, and streams?
11. When was the first railroad track laid in New Mexico?
12. What 1981 film starring Clint Eastwood, Michael Horse, Christopher Lloyd, and Jason Robards was filmed in Santa Fe?

COMING IN JANUARY

On Thursday, January 11th, Mr. Derius Swinton (<http://www.deriusswintonSpeaks.com/>) will be the keynote speaker for LANL's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. He will be speaking on "Creating a Safe, Healthy and Productive Life Style and Work Environment". The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. — 11:15 at the Physics Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the African American Diversity Working Group (AADWG), Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (OEOD), and the Diversity/Affirmative Action Board (DAAB).

Your ticket to the movies!

The following movies will be showing at the Reel Deal Theatre the week of Dec. 1st thru Dec. 7th. After this date, more current information can be found at www.reeldealtheater.com.

The Nativity Story	PG
Casino Royale	PG-13
Borat	R
Happy Feet	PG
Deck the Halls	PG

Coming Soon:

Eragon
The Holiday
Pursuit of Happiness
The Good Shepherd
Charlotte's Web



Information on movies that will be showing at the Dreamcatcher Theater in Espanola can be found at www.transluxmovies.com/loc_dreamcatcher.asp.

If you have any ideas as to what you would like to see included in this newsletter, please contact Carolyn Ramsey at 606-0333, or cramsey@lanl.gov.



If you missed any of the previous editions of Student News, Student Views, you can find them at <http://sa.lanl.gov/documents.php>.

If you know students who are not receiving Student News, Student Views, have them contact Carolyn Ramsey.

Answers to Trivia Questions

1. Seventy
2. Santa Fe and Truchas
3. 1851 in Santa Fe
4. Conchas Lake
5. Al Unser Sr. and Al Unser Jr.
6. Pomegranate blossoms
7. 1919, by renting rooms in his family's home in San Antonio, New Mexico
8. The Battle of Glorieta Pass (a Union victory)
9. Isleta Pueblo
10. About 20 percent (roughly 225 square miles)
11. November 30, 1878
12. The Legend of the Lone Ranger

Calendar of Events

(LANL Student Activities highlighted in red)

12/02	LA County Winterfest (see page 12 for details)	
12/06	MSTea & Cookies	3:30 p.m. Toni Taylor (MPA-CINT)
12/07	SA Holiday Potluck	11:30 - 1:00 Canyon School - Room 160
12/10	Bandelier 90th Anniversary Event:	Bread Baking Demonstrations
12/13	MSTea & Cookies	4:30 p.m. Christina Johnson (MPA-11)
12/18	Michael Martin Murphy "Cowboy Christmas" Concert	LA High School
12/20	MSTea & Cookies	4:30 p.m. Holiday Social
01/03	MSTea & Cookies	4:30 Social Gathering
01/11	Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration	!0 - 11:15 a.m. Physics Aud. (see above notice for details)

Looking for Activities?

Listed below are some websites to find activities going on in Los Alamos and the surrounding areas.

Los Alamos: <http://visit.losalamos.com/events/>
Santa Fe: <http://santafe.org/calendar/index.html>
Activities throughout New Mexico:
<http://www.newmexico.org/event/>

Holiday Trivia Answers: 1.B 2.C 3.B 4.A 5.C 6.B
New Years Trivia Answers: 1.A 2.B 3.D 4.C 5.B 6.A 7.B 8.C